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MEMORANDUM FROM COLONEL J. E. DICKEN  
Joint Intelligence Staff

Subject: Intelligence Terminology

Enclosures: a. 5 copies of CIG memorandum to IAB agencies dated 2 December 1946  
b. 5 copies of comments by lexicographer of definitions in JIC 383

1. Enclosure a is forwarded for your information and action in obtaining definitions from the State Department; Intelligence Division, WDGS; and A-2. CII's definitions in reply to CIG's memo were forwarded to you last week.

2. In a recent CIG interdepartmental coordination directive, the following definitions were made. It is therefore desired to obtain JIS approval of them with the view to their publication to the IAB agencies together with other definitions of terms appearing in Enclosure a of CIG's memo to the IAB agencies (Enclosure b).

a. Basic Intelligence

Basic intelligence is that factual intelligence which results from the collation of encyclopedic information of a more or less permanent or static nature and general interest which, as a result of evaluation and interpretation, is determined to be the best available.

b. Current Intelligence

Current intelligence is that spot information or intelligence of all types and forms of immediate interest and value to operating or policy staffs which is used by them without the delays necessary for complete evaluation or interpretation.

c. Staff Intelligence

Staff intelligence is that intelligence prepared by any department or agency through the process of correlation and interpretation of all intelligence material available to it in order to meet the specific requirements and responsibilities of the department or agency concerned.

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3. CIO is now preparing some proposed definitions of terms appearing in Inclosure A of CIO's memo to the IXP agencies. They will be forwarded to you as soon as ready.

4. Inclosure b is a copy of the lexicographer's comments on definitions in JIC 363. It is suggested these comments be considered at the next meeting.

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5. [redacted] and I will await word from you on when our next meeting can be held.

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